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1. A new road bridge is under construction across the Vah River between Zilina and Budatin. The new bridge will be about 40 m. west of the old bridge. The highway leading across the bridge will be partially straightened out.
2. The new bridge will be supported by two pillars which are already finished. The pillars, built of stone blocks, were hollow inside, then filled with concrete. They are oval-shaped with the ends slightly sharpened. The length of the oval is about 11 meters, the width about 4 meters. The pillars project about four to five meters above the water level. 25X1
3. An iron superstructure with three arches was brought to the north bank of the Vah and is ready to be placed on the pillars.
4. The construction is being carried out by a Zilina building firm. About 50 men are employed on the site.
5. Military barracks in Budatin are situated in the former castle which lies between the railroad line leading from Zilina to Kysucke Nové Mesto, the rivers Vah and Kysuca, and the road to Divina (N 49-16, E 18-42). Tank troops are billeted in the barracks. Four Soviet heavy tanks were observed driving around the yard. Three Tatra 111, five Tatra 128, and two of the latest Tatra trucks (with a sloping hood) were also observed.

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